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SUBJECTC PILOT SECURE VOICE PROJECT (PSVP)

ON JANUARY 8, COUNCIL OPERATIONS EXERCISE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN (MACBRIEN) CIRCULATED WORKING PAPER AC/237-WP/97 ON THE REQUIREMENTS FOR CONFERENCE FACILITIES FOR THE NATO HQ IN RELATION TO INITIAL VOICE SWITCHED NETWORK. MISSION HAS NO OBJECTION TO THE PROPOSALS FOR CONFERENCE FACILITIES. ACTION REQUIRED: REQUEST WASHINGTON GUIDANCE BY JANUARY 23. TEXT OF AC/237-WP/97 FOLLOWS.
BEGIN TEXT.

BACKGROUND

1. BOTH THE NATO INTEGRATED COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM (NICS) AND THE INITIAL VOICE SWITCHED NETWORK (IVSN) WILL OFFER TO A NUMBER OF SELECTED SUBSCRIBERS THE POSSIBILITY OF CONDUCTING, OR PARTICIPATING IN, A VOICE TELECONFERENCE.

2. NICSMA HAS SUGGESTED THAT THE IVSN WOULD OFFER TWO
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TYPES OF CONFERENCE FACILITIES:

(A) THE "X" TYPE, WHERE THE CONDUCTOR OF THE CONFERENCE ALWAYS CONFERS WITH EACH AND ALL OF A PRE-ARRANGED(1) COMMUNITY OF SUBSCRIBERS. IN PRESSING THE RIGHT

BUTTONS OF HIS DIRECT NICS SUBSCRIBER'S (DNS) SET, THE CONDUCTOR OF THE CONFERENCE CAN TALK TO ANY OF THE CONFEREES WHO ARE ALL ON LISTENING WATCH DURING THE ENTIRETY OF THE CONFERENCE.

(B) THE "O" TYPE, WHERE THE CONDUCTOR OF THE CONFERENCE SELECTS, IN A PROGRESSIVE WAY, I.E., ONE AFTER THE OTHER, SOME OR ALL OF THE MEMBERS OF A PRE-ARRANGED (1) FAMILY OF SUBSCRIBERS. IN THIS CASE, THE SELECTED CONFEREES ONLY LISTEN AND SPEAK IN THE CONFERENCE AS AND WHEN THE CONDUCTOR OF THE CONFERENCE SO DECIDES.

THE CONFERENCE FACILITY WILL BE OFFERED EITHER IN THE CLEAR OR VIA THE PILOT SECURE VOICE PROJECT FACILITY.

DISCUSSION

3. THERE IS A REQUIREMENT FOR THE SECRETARY GENERAL AND FOR THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MILITARY COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT TELEPHONIC CONFERENCES WITH THE NATO CAPITALS AND/OR MNCS.

4. IT IS NOT CONSIDERED EITHER PRACTICAL OR EFFICIENT, OR EVEN REQUIRED, TO CONDUCT TELECONFERENCES WITH ALL THE NATO CAPITALS CONCURRENTLY. THIS VIEW IS SUBSTANTIATED, INTER ALIA, BY THE TECHNICAL LIMITATIONS OF CONFERENCES, ESPECIALLY IF CONDUCTED OVER THE PSVP.

5. ON THE OTHER HAND, IT IS BELIEVED THAT CONFERRING WITH THE NORTHERN OR SOUTHERN FLANK COUNTRIES, WITH THE THREE MAJOR NATO COMMANDS, OR WITH A GROUP OF COUNTRIES SUCH AS THE NUCLEAR POWER COUNTRIES, IS MOST LIKELY.

6. FURTHER, IT IS BELIEVED THAT WHATEVER CONFERENCE IS REQUIRED, THE NEED FOR THE DISTANT CONFeree TO TALK OR TO LISTEN IN SHOULD BE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CONDUCTOR OF THE CONFERENCE.

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CONCLUSION

7. IT IS CONCLUDED THAT AT THE NATO HEADQUARTERS THERE IS A REQUIREMENT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN IVSN/PSVP CONFERENCE FACILITY OF THE PROGRESSIVE "O" TYPE. THE CONDUCTOR OF THE CONFERENCE WILL BE THE SECRETARY GENERAL OR THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MILITARY COMMITTEE-OR THEIR DULY APPOINTED REPRESENT-ATIVES. THE CONFEREES WILL BE ALL THE NATO CAPITALS (EXCEPT FRANCE), AND/OR MNCS. THE CONDUCTOR OF THE CONFERENCE WILL BE ABLE TO SELECT, ON A PROGRESSIVE BASIS, AT HIS OWN DISCRETION, THE DISTANT-END CONFEREES WHO WILL STAY IN A LISTENING WATCH UPON DIRECTION OF THE CONDUCTOR OF THE CONFERENCE.

RECOMMENDATION

8. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMITTEE APPROVE THE
STATEMENT OF REQUIREMENTS AS DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH 7.
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